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MEMORANDUM FOR: NSA/TCO

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ATTENTION:

THROUGH:

SUBJECT: Search for airborne activity and training facilities at specified locations in the USSR

REFERENCE: A. Requirement No. [redacted]
B. NPIC Project No. 35021-5

1. In response to referenced requirement, photographic analysis of the subject area was accomplished. Three areas of airborne activity were confirmed at TULA, VITEBSK, and PSKOV. KIROVABAD and KAUNAS are considered areas of suspect airborne activity. The 6 remaining areas of BELOGORSK, CHITA, FERGANA, PERCHORY, POLOTSK and VILNYUS were searched with negative results.

2. The 3 confirmed areas having airborne activity are:

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A. VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST (55-11N 030-03E); [redacted], located on the eastern edge of VITEBSK, covers approximately 95 acres (Figures 1 and 2). The installation consists of 1 administration building, 1 administration building/barracks, 3 barracks, 5 storage and 11 support buildings, 3 vehicle sheds, a probable athletic field and an aircraft/mockup which is probably used for airborne exiting training.

B. TULA TRAINING AREA KOSTROVO (54-25N 037-28E); [redacted] located 13 nm north-northwest of TULA, covers an area of approximately 4,400 acres (Figure 3). The installation has 2 separate areas, a bivouac area (Figure 4) and a training area containing several firing ranges (Figures 5 and 6).

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The bivouac area located in the northern section of the training area consists of 1 administration building, 34 quarters, 163 support buildings, and 2 secured storage areas containing 7 storage and 2 support buildings, and approximately 300 tents.

The training area located in the southern portion of the installation consists of 2 barracks/administration buildings, 2 support buildings, 3 athletic fields, an infantry field training area, a probable infantry field training area, a possible mortar training area, a large U-shaped revetment and a jump tower with associated support buildings.

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firing ranges located adjacent to and east of the training area contain 7 small arms firing ranges, 2 sub-caliber moving target ranges and 13 range support buildings.

C. PSKOV has 3 separate areas of airborne activity.

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(1) PSKOV ARMY BARRACKS WEST (57-48N 028-18E; [redacted]) located on the western edge of PSKOV, covers an area of approximately 200 acres (Figures 7, 8, and 9). It consists of 3 administration buildings/barracks, 25 barracks, 30 storage and 20 support buildings, a sod landing area, an athletic field, 4 aircraft mockups and 2 jump towers. Thirteen possible Colt were observed on the sod landing area on [redacted] Mission [redacted] (Figure 9).

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(2) A large training area is located adjacent to and southwest of PSKOV ARMY BARRACKS WEST. It consists of numerous artillery positions, a combined arms range, 2 small-arms firing ranges, a moving target range, 2 static firing ranges and a jump circle (Figure 10).

(3) PSKOV ARMY BARRACKS CHEREKHA (57-45N 028-22E), located south of PSKOV, on the east edge of the Velikaya River (Figures 11 and 12). The installation covers an area of approximately 400 acres and consists of 1 administration building, 4 barracks, 10 support buildings, a motor pool with 1 vehicle shed, 2 athletic fields, an aircraft/mockup and a balloon which is probably used in airborne training. Immediately south is a training area containing a tank/assault gun firing range, an automatic weapons moving target range, 2 small-arms firing ranges and a driver training area.

3. KAUNAS and KIROVABAD are areas of suspect airborne activity.

A. One of the 4 barracks areas in the KAUNAS search area is located at 55-03N 024-23E, and contains a small tower, possibly associated with airborne activity. Three hard surfaced and 2 sod airfields are also located within the search area.

B. In the KIROVABAD search area, possible jump circles, possibly associated with airborne activity, were observed at ATSTAF (41-15N 045-36E).

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4. A search on late, date, good quality photography reveals no airborne activity or training facilities at CHITA, BELOGORSK, FERGANA, PECHORY, POLOTSK and VILNYUS.

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MAP REFERENCES:

1	AMS	1:50,000	1/13MA	1st Ed	Dec. 58
	AMS	1:50,000	6/1MA	2d Ed	Apr. 64
3	AMS	1:50,000	10/13MA	1st Ed	Dec. 58
	AMS	1:50,000	15/1MA	2d Ed	Sep. 63
7	AMS	1:50,000	13/12MA	2d Ed	Dec. 62
	AMS	1:50,000	13/16MA	1st Ed	Mar. 60

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Attachments:

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3 - Annotated Maps

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VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST

FIG 1

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VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST

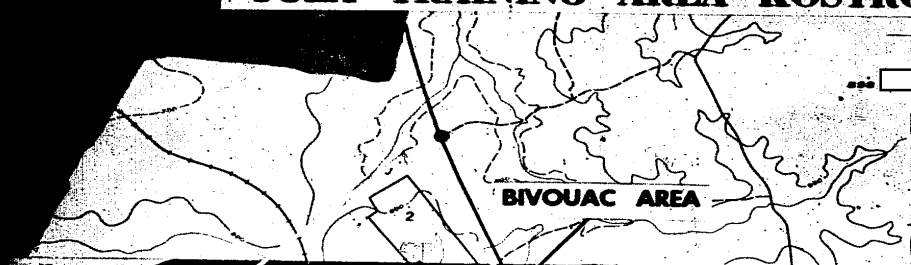
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AIRCRAFT/MOCKUP

FIG 2

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TULA TRAINING AREA KOSTROVO



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BIVOUAC AREA

TRAINING & RANGE AREA

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FIG 3

TULA TRAINING AREA KOSTROVO



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POSSIBLE PARACHUTES



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FIG 4

TULA TRAINING AREA KOSTROVO

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TULA TRAINING AREA KOSTROVO

JUMP TOWER

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FIG 6

PSKOV ARMY BARRACKS WEST

TRAINING AREA

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FIG 7

PSKOV ARMY BARRACKS CHEREKHA

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JUMP TOWER

AIRCRAFT/MOCKUP

FIG. 8

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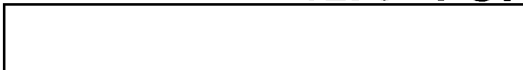
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TRAINING AREA PSKOV



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JUMP CIRCLE

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AIRCRAFT/MOCKUP

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